THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Immediate connection of villages with wireless telephone facility

†1650. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating scheme for immediately connecting the villages with the wireless telephone facility during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the villages which are to be connected with this facility, State-wise, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir. Government has the policy to cover all the villages in the country with telephone connectivity during this year and Wireless in local loop (WLL) is one of the technologies being used for this purpose besides cable and satellite media.

(b) and (c) State-wise details of plan regarding deployment of VPTs on WLL during current financial year 2002-03 is given in the Statement. District-wise details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Technology-wise Breakup of VPT Target for the year 2002-03

Sl. No.	Circle	Annual Target	Technology-wise break up		
			Land-line	Satellite @	WLL
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	4	0	4	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam #	7667	0	0	7667

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Bihar	9061	65	0	8996
5.	Jharkhand	11965	65	2320	9580
6.	Gujarat	0	0	0	0
7.	Haryana	0	0	0	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	484	200	278	6
9.	Jammu & Kashmir #	2692	10	654	2028
10.	Karnataka	6	0	4	2
11.	Kerala	0	0	0	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4	0	1	3
13.	Chhatisgarh	364	39	148	177
14.	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0
15.	North East-I #	4172	0	1550	2622
16.	North East-II #	4811	0	3836	975
17.	Orissa	11632	250	5217	6165
18.	Punjab	0	0	0	0
19.	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0
20.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0
21.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	6793	333	0	6460
22.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	0	0	0	0
23.	Uttranchal	5607	30	4146	1431
24.	West Bengal	4178	225	60	3893
25.	Calcutta	0	0	0	0
26.	Delhi	0	0	0	0
	Total	**69440**	**1217**	**18218**	**50005**

@ Subject to the availabity of funds & equipment in time.
# Subject to the receipt of SACFA clearance from Ministry of Defence.

Licenses to private companies

1651. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: